

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 144-145, 147-150, 153, 157-185, 187, 189, 191, 193-200, 202-204, 206-208, 214-219, 222, 225-226, and 232-235.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The examiner rejects claims 154, 156, 211, 213, 220-221, 223-224 and 227-231 as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Response

Independent claim 156 has been amended to eliminate any inconsistencies as to the scope of the claim. Claims 158, and 160-167, which depend from claim 156, have been amended to reflect the amendment to claim 156. Claim 213 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 214. Claims 154, 211, 220-221, 223-224 and 227-231 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 154, 156, 158, 160-167, 211, 213, 220-221, 223-224 and 227-231 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the pending claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this response, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 maintained by Baker Hughes Incorporated.

Respectfully submitted,


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